

Chichester Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting
Minutes of Meeting Nov 1st, 2021
Grange Hall

Members: Bob Mann, Zack Boyajian, Charles Kojigian, Dawn Marshall and Voting Alternate: Gail Britton-Kojigian,

Call to Order: 6:32pm

Mailbag: Five Rivers Conservation Trust annual appeal. *Bob moved that we donate \$50.00 out of the Conservation Fund. Charlie seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous support.*

Minutes: The minutes for Oct. 4th's meeting were reviewed and approved with several amendments.

Public Outreach: N/A

Land conservation: Zack was approached by a resident of Chichester who expressed some interest in putting a parcel of land under easement. Zack will follow up with the resident and report back to the CCC if the landowner wishes to pursue the matter further.

Town Forest: *Saturday, Nov 6th, Frank Harrison will lead a work day event to build bog bridges over wet areas of the loop trail. *Dawn made a motion to change the name of the Spaulding Lot to the Shirley Waters Conservation Area. Bob seconded the motion. Discussion followed, with some members favoring the change arguing that it has been 5 years since Ms. Waters made a substantial bequest to the CCC and this would be a good way to recognize her generous donation. Other members felt that this may not be appropriate because to date, none of the bequest had been used at the Town forest. It was then suggested that the Commission request that the expenses to build the parking lot and bog bridges be taken from the bequest to reimburse the Conservation Fund.

A vote was then held on the motion; 3 ayes, 1 nay, and 1 abstention. The motion passed.

VVCA: Zack said that the archaeological survey required for the Recreational Trail Grant application has been completed by Robert Goodby. Zack will call Nancy Randell from Blue Moon Environmental to get a price proposal for a wetland survey near the proposed parking lot area. Bob reported that the attorney who has been working on the easement document for the VVCA has fallen ill and that the completion of the document may not be available until some time in 2022. This may jeopardize meeting the deadline for the Recreational Trail Grant.

Carpenter Park: Zack reported that David Testerman, the Eagle Scout who offered to make signs for the loop trail at Shaw Pasture, has installed them at Shaw Pasture. Zack was concerned that the wording on the signs might be a bit vague so he will follow up with David to see if this can be rectified.

Madeline Sanborn/Shaw Pasture Conservation Area: The oak trees to the left of the bench have been protected from beaver damage with poultry wire. The oak trees to the right of the bench will be monitored this winter to see if protection will be required next spring.

Easement Stewardship: *Blaze will be unable to do the easement walks this fall due to an injury. Bob will conduct the easement walks and will be joined by other members who are interested. *Zack wants to spread flower seeds on Shaw Pasture this fall in an effort to establish some wildflowers to support native pollinators. All members present supported this initiative.

Other Business:

*Bob will ask the treasurer to move the amount of money that was spent on the parking lot and bog bridges at the town forest, from the Shirley Water's fund in order to reimburse the Conservation fund for those expenditures.

*Zack reported that DES is asking for match money from the two towns that border Deer Meadow Pond to pay for future treatment of the milfoil infestation that DES treated this past summer. Zack will let Amy know that Chichester is willing to pay a share of the match money depending on the apportionment of the cost to each town.

*There will be a Planning Board technical review of DBU's site plan for a proposed helipad at their Dover Road site on Thursday November 4th at 6:00pm at the fire station.

Bob moved to adjourn the meeting, Dawn seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm Minutes recorded by G Britton-Kojigian, edited by Bob Mann

Approved: 